



C.M. FINCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PAC Thanks

Our parent advisory group has continued their outstanding support of our school. Many volunteer hours were put in to run school events and support school activities. Each classroom received funds to support field trips and items for classroom activities. Our school sports teams travel and registration costs were covered by PAC. The hot lunch program and special lunches were also appreciated. We would like to thank our PAC members and pass on our appreciation to them for the time and effort they put in. We look forward to working with them next school year.

Summer Reading and Math Fact Practice

Consistent reading practice over the summer helps maintain the skills your child has worked so hard to gain. Please consider participating in the summer program at the library. You can also use the school access to Tumblebooks: www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

The Libraries and eResources page on the district website www.prn.bc.ca also has ebooks for students in grades 5-12.

Math fluency is the ability to quickly recall math facts. Keeping math facts sharp should be built into summer activities. Math facts can be practiced in ways that are lots of fun. You can help to develop your child's number sense by baking and cooking with them, building with them, and by playing board games and card games.

Staffing Changes 2020-2021

As this challenging school year draws to a close we are looking forward to a new and uneventful 2020-2021 School Year. We have one change to our teaching staff for the upcoming school year. We wish Mrs. Nadeau well, as she is having a baby. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Riediger to our school.

Opening Week 2020-2021

School opens on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 for students in grade one to six. The students are only with us for two hours. Dismissal time will be at 10:50am. On September 8th, students will be returning to their 19/20 classroom groupings. Students that are new to the school community will be placed in a grade appropriate classroom for the morning.

We will post information on the opening week of school on our website when we receive more direction from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO). We are hoping for a more traditional start to the school year than we ended with.

Student Numbers 2020-2021 Enrolment

In the 2020/21 school year CM Finch we are planning to open with 11 classrooms. We are very full in many grade levels. Numbers in given grades will dictate classroom grade configurations as well as contractual class sizes. Students that have applied to attend Finch on a variance will not get a definitive answer on their placement until the end of the first week of school in September. If you get new neighbours over the summer, please encourage them to register their children during the first week of September. If the enrolment situation for your child changes please email Mr. Lang (tlang@prn.bc.ca).

Educational Requests

Parents may make a written educational request for next year. An educational request is based on your child's needs not the selection of a specific teacher. If you feel that there are things that need to be considered in your child's placement, please send a detailed letter to Mr. Lang. The numbers of students that are in each grade level and the balancing of needs within the school will determine the final grade configuration and teacher assignment.

School District 60 Calendar 2019-2020

	2020-2021
School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	Adopted District Dates
Days in Session	183
Number of Days of Instruction	175
Schools Open	Tuesday September 8, 2020
Non-Instructional Day <i>(School Planning Day)</i>	Friday September 25, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 12, 2020
Non-Instructional Day <i>(Pro-D – Provincial)</i>	Friday October 23, 2020
Remembrance Day	Wednesday November 11, 2020
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday November 25, 2020
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday November 26, 2020
Non-Instructional Day <i>(Parent-Teacher Interviews)</i>	Friday November 27, 2020
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 21 to Friday, January 1, 2021
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2021
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, January 29, 2021
Family Day Holiday	Monday, February 15, 2021
Non-Instructional Day	Monday, February 22, 2021
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday, March 11, 2021
Spring Vacation Period/District Closure Days	Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 26, 2021
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days	Monday, March 29, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Non-Instructional Day <i>(Pro-D Day)</i>	Friday, April 23, 2021
Non-Instructional Day	Friday, May 7, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021
Last day for Students	Thursday, June 24, 2021
Administrative Day – Schools Close	Friday, June 25, 2021

CM Finch 2019-2020 Bell Schedule

8:30am	Supervision starts, students may arrive.
8:44am	Warning Bell
8:49am	Classes Start
10:30-10:45am	Recess
10:45-10:55am	Snack
10:50-12:00pm	Class time
12:00-12:20pm	Lunch Play
12:20-12:40pm	Eating time
12:40-2:50pm	Class time
2:50pm	Dismissal
3:05pm	Supervision ends

Primary School Supplies

Primary students in kindergarten to grade three are able to purchase their school supplies from the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase supplies through the school as this ensures the supplies match those needed for the overall class plan. This optional participation allows parents to take advantage of the convenience of having others get the correct materials at school pricing. Students are given materials, as they need them throughout the year.

School Fees 2020-2021

Fees will be collected after students are assigned classes **but not before, September 14th, 2020.**

Kindergarten	\$25.00 supplies	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$35.00</i>
Grades 1-3	\$35.00 supplies \$8.00 agenda	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$53.00</i>
Grades 4-5	\$8.00 agenda	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$18.00</i>
Grade 6	\$8.00 agenda + \$30.00 iPad Insurance	\$10.00 cultural fee	<i>Total: \$48.00</i>

Intermediate School Supply List

√	Supply	Requirements
	Duotangs	black 1; red 1; green 1; grey 1; yellow 1; light blue 1; dark blue 1; white 1; purple 1; white 1; orange 1
	Note/ Exercise Books	4 Key Tabs Notebooks (with lined paper; not coil bound)
	Quad Rule Notebooks (4 sq to 1") 200 pages	<i>If unable to get notebooks, get (4 sq-1" grid/ graph paper = to 200 pages and a special math duotang.</i>
	Pencil Crayons	36 pack
	Felt Pens/ Markers	Washable, broad Tip - 16 pack
	Glue Sticks	3- 40 g.
	HB Pencils w/ erasers	24+
	Pencil sharpener	1 w/ shavings collector
	Hole punched Blank paper	1 pack- Students do not need lined binder paper as we have enough at the school to provide.
	Ball Point Pens	2 - red
	Large white erasers	4+
	Pencil case	1
	Pencil box w/ lid	Opt. for storing felts, etc.
	Scissors	1 pair
	Ruler	1 - 30 cm w/ both cm & mm markings - NO metal edges
	Calculator (<i>practical, basic</i>)	w/ basic functions DO NOT purchase Scientific style
	Highlighters	(1) yellow, (1) blue, (1) pink, (1) green
	Gym strip w/ bag	Needs to be washed weekly
	Sketch/drawing book	1 - no larger than 9x12 inches
	Facial tissue	2 boxes
	Inside Athletic Shoes	1 pair (non-marking soles)

- Please do your best to ensure that your child has their school supplies by **Monday, September 14th**.
- Please label all of your child's school supplies, **except for the duo tangs as we have a special labelling process in place.**
- *Note:* These quantities are averages; some children require more materials than others. If your child often needs extra supplies, you may want to purchase additional quantities (e.g., pencils). If additional materials are required later in the year, the student will jot a note in their agenda.

Thank You

As this school year closes in a less than typical manner, we would like to pass on our thanks to everyone for the patience and understanding they demonstrated over the past months, as school moved to a distance learning model. We were pleased to have many of our students back at school throughout the month of June, even if it was in a reduced capacity. We would like to wish our Grade Six students moving onto middle school in the fall a fond farewell. We have enjoyed working with you and watching you grow and learn during your seven years with us. Please do not hesitate to stop in and say hello in the future.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer break. We look forward to working with you and your children in the fall. Updates about the upcoming school year will be posted on our school. Website, probably in late August.